



MICHIGAN ENERGY OFFICE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

The Michigan Energy Office announces the following funding opportunities for the State Energy Program Fiscal Year 2013 to solicit project applications. Over \$500k in total is available for these projects, which will assist Michigan businesses and local governments reduce their energy consumption, air emissions, and deploy innovative clean energy technologies that can be widely adopted.

Requests for Proposals:

(links to applications)

[Michigan Renewable Energy \(RE\) Demonstration Program](#)

The purpose of the *Michigan Renewable Energy (RE) Demonstration Program* is to fund feasibility and demonstration projects that can clearly demonstrate the feasibility, improve cost-effectiveness, and identify/address/reduce the market barriers of innovative renewable energy technologies, in the areas of solar, biomass, and community wind energy. Approximately 3 grants, for up to \$28k each, are expected to be made (\$85,000 in total is available). **All applicants must submit a [Notice of Intent to Apply \(NOIA\) Form](#) at least ten (10) business days prior the proposal submission deadline.**

[Renewable Energy \(RE\) Tools Program](#)

The purpose of the *Renewable Energy (RE) Tools Program* is to drive down the installed cost/watt for Renewable Energy in Michigan by developing and deploying to Michigan Communities Permitting Guidebooks and related materials. One award, up to \$100,000, is expected to be made to qualifying organizations.

[Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Education & Outreach Events Program](#)

The purpose of the *Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Education & Outreach Events Program* is to educate consumers on how they can foster both community and economic reinvention in the state by effectively lowering the amount of money they spend on energy with cost-effective energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and products. 10-20 awards are expected to be made at \$500-\$3k each (\$25k in total is available).



Rebuild MI Regional Technical Assistance Program

The *Rebuild MI Regional Technical Assistance Program* will provide funding for competitive grants to provide preliminary energy audits and related technical support services to Rebuild MI clients. Six grants (up to \$20,000 each) are to be awarded to qualified organizations/businesses.

Rebuild Michigan RTA Direct Voucher Services Program

The *Rebuild Michigan Program* is offering Direct Voucher Services to Regional Technical Assistants (RTAs) for commercial energy audits and related project planning services. Please click [here](#) to view the application form.

Building Operator Certification (BOC) Program

The *Building Operator Certification (BOC) Program* is expanding training opportunities in Michigan during 2013. The course equips its graduates with the knowledge and skills to save energy, reduce operating costs, and improve the overall efficiency and comfort of their facilities. The MI Energy Office, in conjunction with other BOC sponsors, will be offering tuition rebates (up to \$350) to operators that complete training and receive certification. Please click [here](#) to view the application form.

AgriEnergy Audit/Assessment Program

The purpose of the AgriEnergy Audit/Assessment Program is to select a non-profit or state institution of higher learning to conduct on-site farm energy audits. The audits should focus on energy efficiency in agribusiness operations and opportunities to supplement energy needs with renewable energy sources. One award (up to \$75k) will be made to qualifying organization.

Requests for Interest:

PCB Ballast Removal Initiative in Public Schools

The Michigan Energy Office has issued a Request for Interest (RFI) for public school districts in SE Michigan that have a keen interest in demonstrating best practices for removing and disposing of lighting fixtures containing PCB ballasts from classrooms and replacing them with energy efficient lighting. Interested school districts are asked to respond to the RFI by 11/09/2012. Up to \$100,000 in funding is expected to be available for this initiative.



MATCHING REQUIREMENTS: Please refer to each individual RFP for specific requirements. In general, preference will be given to applicants that demonstrate up to a 50 percent cost share of the total allowable project costs. Applicant's cost share must come from a non-Federal and non-state sources, unless otherwise allowed by law.

DUE DATE: Proposal submission deadlines will vary per RFP; see specific RFP for details.

In order for an application to be considered complete and eligible for funding consideration, all applicants must complete and submit the following forms (in addition to any other forms required in each specific RFP).

Applications received without the following items will not be considered for grant funding.

- 1) [Approved Budget Form](#) (unless otherwise exempt according to the RFP). To complete this form, enter all planned expenses associated with the proposed grant funded project.
- 2) Signed Acknowledgment (refer to RFP). This certifies compliance with all terms and conditions in the RFP document, attachments, and addendums.

If you have any questions regarding a RFP posted by the Michigan Energy Office, please contact the appropriate individual listed within the RFP.